

The Grand Forks Police Department will be hosting a Basic and Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) training course August 25-27, 2015. The instructor for both courses will be Carol Staben-Burroughs; a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor.

The Basic CISM training program is designed to present the core elements of a comprehensive, systematic and multi-component crisis intervention. The course prepares participants to understand a wide range of crisis intervention services including pre and post incident crisis education, significant other support services, crisis intervention for individuals, demobilizations after traumatic incidents, small group defusing and the group intervention. The course will cover de-briefings, de-fusing, and Crisis Management briefing, and crisis response strategies.

The Advanced CISM training program builds on the knowledge base which was obtained through the Basic Group Crisis Intervention course. Participants will be exposed to specific, proven strategies to intervene with those suffering the ill effects of their exposure to trauma. Emphasis will be on advanced de-fusing and debriefings in complex situations.

The training does not require commitment to serve on any team. Training will benefit emergency medical services providers, firefighters, police officers, dispatchers, or other emergency personnel. The Department of Emergency Services and the Division of EMS and Trauma will be reimbursing individuals for the course tuition as well as lodging (up to the state rate of \$74.70/ night) for those individuals completing the appropriate documents and signing a commitment to responding as called upon by the State CISM Team for the next three years. Current State CISM Team members attending either of the offered trainings will be eligible for reimbursement upon recommitment to another three years of service on the team.

Training will be held at the Public Safety Center located at 1220 South 52nd Street. The Basic CISM course will be from August 25 starting at 0800-1800 and continuing August 26 from 0800-1200. The Advanced CISM course will be from August 26 starting at 1300-1800 and continuing on August 27 from 0800-1700 hours.

A block of rooms is reserved for state rate at the Sleep Inn located at 1350 South 42nd Street Grand Forks, ND (701) 757-2900. Block of rooms is reserved under CISM.

Class size will be limited. The Basic CISM course costs are \$75 per student and the Advanced CISM course costs are \$75 per student. Agencies are encouraged to attend both trainings. Costs include all materials and texts. Registration for this course can be completed by contacting Sgt. Jay Middleton at jmiddleton@grandforksgov.com or (701)757-1191 ext. 200. If you are registering with the intent of serving on the State CISM Team, please email kkuhn@nd.gov with your name, phone number, email address and if you will be attending the basic course, the advanced course, or both as well as your status as a State Team member.